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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6048

BILL NUMBER: HB 1046

NOTE PREPARED: Oct 17, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Military Family Relief Fund.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Klinker

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill removes the provision under which an Indiana qualified service member is eligible to receive assistance from the Military Family Relief Fund for no more than three years.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Currently, qualified service members and their dependents are eligible for assistance payments from the Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) for a maximum of three years after either (1) the qualified service member's active duty service ends or (2) the date of the cessation of the national conflict or war in which a qualified service member served.

By removing the time limits on assistance payment eligibility, this bill may increase MFRF expenditures to the extent that funds are available.

Background Information: The MFRF is funded from license plate sales of the Support Our Troops license plates. For each license plate purchase, \$20 is deposited in the MFRF. The Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs reports that for FY 2012, a total of approximately \$489,000 in revenue was collected from license plate sales. Additionally, the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs reports the MFRF provided approximately \$135,000 in assistance payments to 38 families in FY 2012 (an average of \$3,550 per family).

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Local Agencies Affected:

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